

DISCOURS DU COMTE DE MIRABEAU,

Dans la séance de ce matin 11 Juin.

SUR LA MORT

DE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

MESSIEURS,

FRANKLIN est mort.... Il est retourné au sein de la Divinité, le génie qui affranchit l'Amérique et versa sur l'Europe des torrens de lumière.

Le Sage que deux mondes réclament,
l'homme que se disputent l'histoire des sciences et l'histoire des empires, tenoit sans doute un rang élevé dans l'espèce humaine.

The Tribute of France to the Memory of Dr. Franklin (1790)

This is the first separate pamphlet printing of the celebrated speech of Mirabeau, the greatest orator of the French Revolution, rendering tribute in the National Convention to the memory of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. Mirabeau paid homage to "one of the greatest men who have ever been engaged in the service of philosophy and liberty . . . a mighty genius, who, to the advantage of mankind, compassing in his mind the heavens and the earth, was able to restrain alike thunderbolts and tyrants . . . the philosopher who has most contributed to the extension of the rights of man over the whole earth." The French National Convention decreed three days of mourning in his memory.

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